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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, ON 20 APRIL DIRGEN OF NATIONAL PORT OFFICE NGANN TOLD DOUALA CONSULATE THAT SIX BIDS FROM BRITISH, DUTCH, FRENCH AND BELGIAN CONSULTING FIRMS FOR POINT LOMBOH PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY PORT OFFICE AND SELECTION OF FIRM WOULD BE MADE IN BRUSSELS DURING WEEK OF 24 APRIL. NGANN PLANNED TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS ON 23 APRIL TO COFER WIT0 OFFICIALS OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHO WILL BINANCE AP ROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT OF U.S. DOLLARS 400,000 STUDY, PRIOR TO SELECTION OF FIRM. REMAINDER OF STUDY COST STILL TO BE FINANCED BY GURC.

2. POINT LIMBOH PORT PROJECT TIED TO CONSTRUCTION OF SONARA REFINERY (SEE REFTEL C-F). INITIAL PLANS CALL FOR HARBOR DEPTH OF 15-20 METERS WHICH WILL ALLOW OIL TANKERS TO POSITION THEMSELVES CLOSE ENOUGH TO PORT TO TRANSFER OIL DIRECTLY BY PIPELINES FROM BUOYS.

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3. THERE NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN KRIBI (ROCHER DE LOUP) PORT PROJECT SINCE REFTEL B REPORT, HARBOR DEPTH EXPECTED TO BE 15 20 METERS BUT FINAL DECISION WILL DEPEND ON AS YET TO BE PLANNED PORT CONFIGURATION AND OVERLAND TRANSPORT PLAN FOR HANDLING OF KRIBI REGION IRON ORE DEPOSITS LOCATED APPROX 10 MILES FROM PORT SITE. ACCORDING TO NGANN, PAUL JAVOR OF SOROS ASSOCIATES IN NEW YORK HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH WILL BE AT

PARTIALLY FINANCED BY CITIBANK.  
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